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**A guide to radiological procedures.** By Stephen Chapman and Richard Nakielny. 2nd ed. (pp 274. £8.95). London: Baillière Tindall, 1986.

It is a pleasure to recommend the second edition of this book. I can only repeat what I have said about the first edition — that it represents excellent value for money. I think the authors are to be congratulated on the content and presentation, and their bravery in publishing a book on techniques should not be under-estimated, as virtually every radiologist has an individual approach to each examination. It is extremely difficult for the young radiologist to assemble all the basic information required in radiological procedures and the authors have managed to present this material in a form which will be useful to both trainees and senior staff.

One must, however, enter some minor caveats. The fact that iron deficiency anaemia is not mentioned as an indication for barium enema examination is surprising. Many radiologists would not recommend puncture of the posterior wall of the femoral artery as being a routine part of the Seldinger technique, and I find it surprising that various contrast media are recommended by their trade rather than their generic names. Some of the examinations included are virtually obsolete, such as gynaecography, for demonstration of the ovaries, and Myodil meatography, for acoustic neuroma, but to balance this the inclusion of indications for computed tomography and nuclear magnetic resonance imaging is to be welcomed. Ultrasound techniques are outside the remit of this work.

All in all, this is an excellent book. Obviously, if it is used by trainees in the context of the requirements of their own departments, it will prove to be of great value. It can be, therefore, highly recommended.

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